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In re application of: Subroto CHATTERJEE

Examiner: M. Rao

Serial No.: 09/282,879

Group: 1652

Filed: March 31, 1999

For: RECOMBINANT N-SMASES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

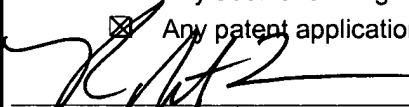

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Amended) A method of identifying a compound useful in the diagnosis or treatment of a human neutral sphingomyelinase related disorder, comprising contacting a candidate pharmacological agent with a recombinant human neutral sphingomyelinase or fragment or

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)			Docket No. 46906-2-DIV (71699)		
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<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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